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SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATE

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YOU CAN HELP FAMILY AND FRIENDS SAVE ON MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

Chances are you or someone whom you know could benefit greatly from the new Medicare prescription drug program that goes into effect in January 2006. And, if certain income and resource criteria are met, you or they might even qualify for extra financial help to pay for part of the monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments under the new prescription drug program.

Beneficiaries can enroll in the new Medicare prescription drug program from November 15, 2005, to May 15, 2006. But now is the time for Medicare beneficiaries with limited incomes and limited resources to apply for the extra help, which could save them an average of \$2,100 per year in prescription drug costs.

What you need to know:

- To qualify for the extra help, a person or married couple living together must have limited income and resources. For an individual, total annual income must be below \$14,355 and resources limited to \$10,000. The limits for a married couple living together are higher: \$19,245 in combined annual income and \$20,000 in resources. These resources can be slightly higher -- an additional \$1,500 per person -- if some of the money will be used for burial expenses.
- Some beneficiaries will automatically qualify for the extra financial help. Anyone who has both Medicare and Medicaid, or Medicare and Supplemental Security Income, or anyone whose state pays his or her Medicare premiums, will automatically qualify and will not have to complete an eligibility application.

- Also, it is important that all beneficiaries understand that even if they qualify for the extra help, they still need to enroll in a Medicare-approved prescription drug plan to obtain both coverage and the extra help.

People who think that they might qualify for the extra help can complete an online application at www.socialsecurity.gov. Or they can contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for an application in the mail, or request more information.

So, if you know a Medicare beneficiary -- perhaps one of your relatives, a neighbor, a friend or even you -- who could use some extra help with prescription drug costs, find out more about the program and to apply for the extra help that is available.

REC ROOM WEBSITE CALENDAR

Looking for something to do? Go to Milwaukee County's recreation calendar to see great activities being offered by area agencies.



www.county.milwaukee.gov/recreationcalendar

HOLIDAY LIGHTS BUS TOUR AND TREATS- DECEMBER 2



Two departure sites and destinations

Sign up by November 17th to join your friends on the holiday lights bus tour. Those who sign up for Wil-O-Way Underwood will see the Holiday Light Show at Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha. People signing up for Wil-O-Way Grant will travel to Candy Cane Lane. Sing holiday carols on the bus and after the tour meet Santa at Wil-O-Way. Buses will leave promptly at 6:15 pm from each site. Anyone who is late or who does not pre-register can stay at Wil-O-Way to see Santa and watch the movie *Elf*. Cost for treats and photo with Santa is \$2. Family members and staff are welcome. Call Tracey at 414-571-5566.



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HAPPENINGS IN THE PARKS!



Wehr Nature Center

Little Wonders for Twos - 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Little Wonders for Threes - 11:00 - Noon

November 14

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please, no non-participating siblings.

Pre-registration required.

Fee: \$7.00/Child, \$5.00/Friends of Wehr

Toddlers and their parent will enjoy learning about a different topic of nature each month.

Nature Nauts

November 6 & 7

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Sunday)

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (Monday)

Ages: 4 - 6, with an adult

Fee: \$5.00/child, \$4.00/Friend of Wehr

Pre-registration required.

Tots and parents are invited to join the naturalist for special topics, crafts and outdoor activities in this series of programs for the younger set.

Call 414-425-8550 for Registration Deadlines, Program Details and Fee Information

Boerner Botanical Gardens

Create a Winter Container*

Saturday, November 19, 10:00 am or 1:00 pm

Featured Instructor - Heidi Hornung, Shady Lane Greenhouses

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Create a container garden to brighten your home that will extend through the winter. Hands-on planting plus ideas for containers to brighten any corner of your home, whether it's large or small. Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited.

Holiday Decorations and Lighting – learn how the pros do it!*

Saturday, November 19

Ever wish your house didn't look like the typical house on the block? Learn from the pros how to decorate and how to light up your yard... like a professional!

Dates and topics may change, please call 414-525-5675

to confirm and pre-register.

2006 WIL-O-WAY KEY CARD!

The Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities is announcing the 2006 Wil-O-Way Key Card program. For an individual annual membership of \$23.00 (\$115.00 for organizations) Wil-O-Way Key Card members will receive the following benefits;

- Access to the Milwaukee County ticket distribution program (Admirals, Brewers, Bucks, Wave and Wave United),
- Invitation to Milwaukee County recreation and culture special events,
- Information about other low or no cost community recreation events, and
- Access to Wil-O-Way programming (*individual members only!*).

Membership applications for the 2006 Wil-O-Way Key Card are now being accepted. Complete the attached application form and enclose a check or money order for \$23.00 (individual) or \$115.00 (organizations), payable to "**Milwaukee County Treasurer.**" Please mail everything to; Wil-O-Way Key Card, OPD, 901 N. 9th Street, Room 307-B, Milwaukee WI 53233.

Your 2005 Wil-O-Way Key Card is valid through the end of the year (December 31st). The 2006 Wil-O-Way Key Card will be valid for the remainder of 2005 as well as throughout the 2006 calendar year.

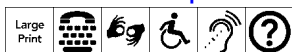
Membership in the Wil-O-Way Key Card program does not guarantee that you will receive all or any tickets requested each month. All tickets are subject to availability.

HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR INTERNATIONAL

Due to the generosity of the Folk Fair *International*, individuals with disabilities will again be given free tickets to this year's Holiday Folk Fair *International*. The tickets are valid for SUNDAY ONLY! To receive your free tickets, please send a self-addressed STAMPED envelope to: **Folk Fair Tickets, Office for Persons with Disabilities, Courthouse, 901 N. 9th Street, Room 307-B, Milwaukee WI 53233.** PLEASE NOTE: individuals with disabilities will be limited to one ticket plus one additional ticket for a companion. Groups will be limited to 20 tickets. The Folk Fair runs Friday, November 18th through Sunday, November 20th, 2005. The Folk Fair is again being held at State Fair Park.

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TRANSIT PLUS ADVISORY COUNCIL Applicants Sought

The Transit Plus Advisory Council (TPAC) is seeking people to advocate for a high quality transportation system. TPAC strives to ensure that the daily transportation needs of individuals with disabilities and the elderly are met. This is accomplished by educating, advising, and serving as a liaison to Transit Plus and Transit Plus providers.

We are currently looking for new members. This is an excellent opportunity for you to develop new skills and advocate for your needs and those of others. Recruitment will continue on an ongoing basis since vacancies occur unexpectedly.

TPAC meetings are held at the main offices of the Milwaukee County Transit System, 1942 North 17th Street. They are usually on the third Tuesday of each month from 2:00 p.m.--4:00 p.m. Members appointed to TPAC must be willing to make a two year commitment and attend the monthly meetings.

Anyone interested in being considered for TPAC must meet the following criteria:

- * Individuals currently eligible for and receiving Milwaukee County Paratransit services.
- * Parents/Guardians of consumers eligible for receiving Milwaukee County Paratransit Services.
- * Transit Plus users who represent agencies/organizations with a direct interest in Milwaukee County Paratransit Services. These entities may include residential care facilities, rehabilitation agencies, and advocacy organizations.

Please call the Transit Plus office at 414-343-1700 or write to us at Transit Plus, 1942 N. 17 Street, Milwaukee, WI 53205 to request a TPAC Application form.

If you are interested but unable to serve now, please keep in mind that vacancies often occur unexpectedly and we will keep your application on file. Why not get involved and let your transportation needs be known.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to hearing from you.

DENTAL SERVICES OFFERED

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Dr. Jo Dennis, a female dentist practicing General Dentistry at my office located in the Washington Heights area of Milwaukee. My office is fittingly names Washington Heights Dental, LLC and is located at 5919 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee WI 53208.

It is with great pleasure to announce to you, the deaf and hard of hearing of Wisconsin and to your family members and friends, that I have asked a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) with a hearing impairment to join my dental team at Washington Heights Dental.

Theresa Trzebny, RHD is a 4th generation hearing impaired person herself and is a qualified interpreter, fluent in American Sign Language. Theresa, being a hygienist, will be responsible for doing your 6 month cleanings, taking x-rays as needed, making sure your gum tissue is kept in good health and will work with you on your oral hygiene, your home care, brushing and flossing techniques.

Although Theresa is a qualified interpreter, we understand and believe that each individual has their own communication needs and we will attempt to provide you with whatever means necessary to communicate effectively with my staff and I.

We ask that you have patience with us as we are committed to providing you with a healthy and friendly environment, both visually and physically. We are wheelchair accessible, on the Milwaukee County Transit System bus line, are in the process of establishing a TTY communication system and are experienced in using the relay system.

Washington Heights Dental accepts all private dental insurance; no HMO's or Title 19. We currently provide services at all populations and age groups. Our office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:00am to 6:30pm.

You can contact us 414-257-0101 (Voice) to make your initial appointment. I look forward to assisting you in whatever your oral health needs may be.

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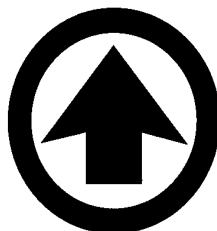


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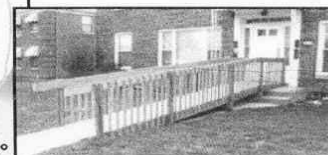
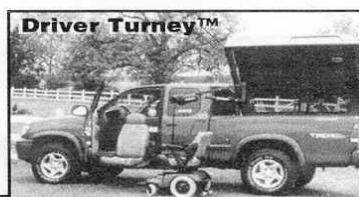
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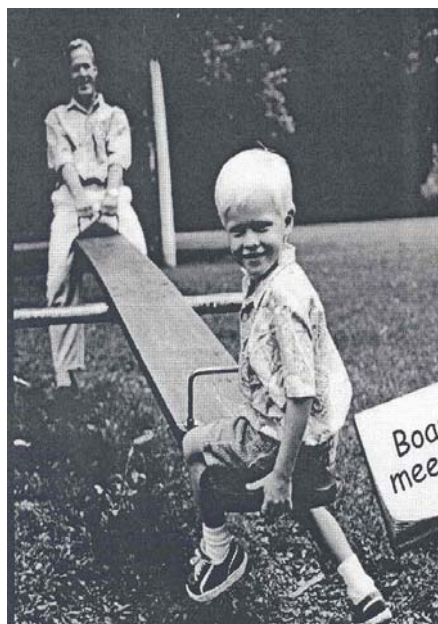


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Wil-O-Way Key Card

2006 Application

The Wil-O-Way Key Card is a product of the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Wil-O-Way Recreation Program. Membership in the Wil-O-Way Key Card program expands recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities at a reduced or no cost.

*Benefits: * Access to the Milwaukee County ticket distribution program. * Receipt of Handi-NEWS & NOTES hard copy. * Invitation to Milwaukee County recreation and culture special events. * Information about other low or no cost community recreation events. * Access to Wil-O-Way programming (Individual members only!).*

_____ Individual (\$23) _____ Organization (\$115) – Up to 5 Cards - _____ Number Requested

Please Type or Print.

NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DAY PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

DISABILITY: _____

FUNCTIONAL LIMITATIONS (i.e., limited walking, scared of heights, etc.): _____

MOBILITY DEVICES USED: _____ Wheelchair _____ Scooter _____ Walker _____ Cane

_____ Crutches _____ Long Leg Braces _____ Other _____

DOCTOR'S NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

DOCTOR'S ADDRESS: _____

Please make check payable to **Milwaukee County Treasurer.**

Please return this application with proper payment to

Wil-O-Way Key Card
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This form is available in alternate formats.



Wisconsin Social Club-A Club for People with Disabilities, Their Families and Friends

Welcome to the Wisconsin Social Club! The Wisconsin Social Club (WSC) is a club for people with disabilities, their families, and their friends. WSC provides a place for people to come together to meet new friends, eat good food, and to just have fun. Open to teens through adults, WSC provides scheduled educational and social events, trips to a variety of locations, and meetings where people with disabilities and their friends and families can come and relax.

WSC is a division of **RiCH Vocational Services**. **RiCH Company Vocational Services** provides a wide variety of services to people with disabilities throughout Wisconsin. Working closely with federal, state, and county organizations, the RiCH Vocational Services staff work to assist clients in increasing their independence. Directed by Anna Hay (*pictured*), RiCH Vocational Services offers benefits analysis services, job development services, computer training, advocacy services, and much more.

HOLIDAY PARTY DINNER, GAMES, & FUN December 14, 2005 - 5:30PM - Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Join us for a night of great food, great friends, and a great fun. The evening will begin with a full Italian dinner featuring the following selections:

- Various Gourmet Pizzas
- Mixed Seasonal Fruit and Vegetables
- Various Soft Drinks and other Beverages

During dinner, you will have the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends while listening to a wide variety of music. Following dinner, join us for a wide variety of board and bingo games, while enjoying fresh popped popcorn and great music. The evening will conclude around 8:00 when the next **Wisconsin Social Club** event will be announced!

The event will be held in **Wauwatosa, Wisconsin** at the Holiday Inn Express Convention Center - Mayfair. The Holiday Inn Express is located at near the corner of North and Hwy 100 (11111 WEST NORTH AVENUE) and can be easily accessed via a variety of public bus routes.

All Wisconsin Social Club events are completely staffed by a large staff of professionals trained to work with people with disabilities. People with disabilities and their families and friends are welcome to attend any Wisconsin Social Club event.

Prepaid Reservations Required by December 1, 2005!

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